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Sgt. Mike Hagiwara, Co. G. 442nd C. T. A. P. O. 5116, care of Postmaster General New York, New York. On high seas. . . It is noon now and a good music program is coming over the radio, reminding me of home. Of course there are so many things which are different. For instance we have been having two meals a day, breakfast at 10:30 in the morning and dinner at 4:30 in the afternoon. However, we have coffee or cocoa and sand - wiches at 8:30 in the evening. We have one small show er room, but there is only salt water for washing. Once in awhile we get helmets of fresh water so we can wash ourselves with a towel. To wash our clothes, we put water in our helmets and wash them there. But that is only for small things. Our shirts and pants are too big for that type of washing so we tie them to a rope and throw them overboard. After four or five hours the clothes dragging in the salt water becomes clean. Sometimes the clothes rubs against the side of the ship so much that it makes holes. . . Life on the boat isn't bad. Of course, I can remember when I've had a more pleasant trip. The water was pretty rough for- some people, but I have not become seasick yet. Maybe it is because I've been on boats so much. The only thing I do not like is powdered eggs which taste like sawdust. . . One Sunday we had church service on the deck. We did not have a chaplain or a minister with us so a Lieut. led us. It was a very simple service, but there was a lot of feeling in it. We sang hymns first and then had p ayers. The Lieut. read the scrip tures and gave us a short talk. The sun was shining brightly and the water was so blue and bright and spar kling and as we sang across the water, we all felt

somewhat close to God. Next Sunday I am in Charge of getting one soldier to pray and another to read the scriptures. There is very little to do on the ship but I keep pretty busy. Besides taking care of the men of our company headquarters group, I take charge of the magazines and books. It's like working in a small library. . .Everyone aboard the ship now is well Many were seasick a few days ago but they have all got ten use to it. Tomorrow night we are going to have a show, with short skits and musical numbers. It ought to be fun. With these games and programs the hour and days go by very quickly.

S/Sgt. Pat Hagiwara, Hq. Co. 2nd Bn. A. P. O. 5116, CO Postmaster, New York, New York. . .We have beenon this ship ---- ---- now and the trip is not yet over. Some parts of the highs cas have been rough and caused seasickness to some but so far I have received no effects whatsoever. I must close now. . .We arrived here safely. We were on the ship many, many days but the navy watched over us and we reached port without anytrouble at all. I saw Mike here yesterday. He said he had a nice time on the trip. We are living in tents and use candles because we have no electricity. We have beencating out of cans till this morning.(May 23) I won't be able to tell you where I am right now but maybe later on. We past through a city where the buildings were different and clos er together. The natives living around there seems like they were dirty. The town smells like Sakman.

Mr. Frank Watanabd, Elmhurst, Illinois. .May 28th Sunday, I was invited by Dean Williams of the St. Mark's Church in Glen Ellyn about six miles west of thisplace I enjoyed everything there.

COLLECT

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICES

WEST END 10-12	EAST END
8:00 A. M. Holy Eucharist Fr. Kitagawa	9:00 A. M. Holy Eucharist Fr. Shoji
	32-12 9(30 A. M. Holy Eucharist Fr. Kitagawa
10:30 A. M. Church School	10:30 A. M. Church School

VISITORS: The Rt. Rev. & Mrs. Frank A. Rhea, Bishop of Idaho were visitors on the project Sunday. The Rev. Norman Stockwell, Gooding, Idaho, The Rev. & Mrs. E. Leslie Rolls of Twin Falls were also visiting.

DEPARTURES: Mr. George Miyazaki and Miss Nana Tomita have left the project for work.

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IN THE MAILBAG -

Pvt. Joe Kadoyama, Barrack T-92, Co. F. Camp Savage, Minn. June 1, 1944
I'm finally in Camp Savage after a weeks stay at Fort Douglas, Utah. However, I won't be here for long as our new group will go to Alabama or Florida to get our basic training first. After eight weeks we'll be back here to start studying Japanese. I sure miss the camp life. This army business is sorta tough at times compared to just sitting around in camp doing no thing.

Sgt. Bob Ubata, Cat Island War Dog RTC, Gulfport, Miss
Upon arriving at camp I was confronted with plenty of work, which was indeed discouraging because I find it very difficult to find my way back to the old routine again. Perhaps as the furlough gradually wears off, I'll be able to proceed as I did before.

Mrs. Etsumi (Irene Kimura) Takizawa, 257 So. 46th St. Philadelphia 39, June 4th. . . Last Sunday all the Japanese in Philly were invited to a picnic at Taylor's Farm in New Jersey. It was the first time I had ever seen such a large group of Japanese since leaving Hunt. They had programs, games, contests, treasure hunts, eats and what nots for us. The farm is located right on the edge of the Delaware River overlooking Philly and was it grand to go down to the beach and watch the tide come in. Sorta reminded me of home.

Fumiko Yabe, Philadelphia. . .Last week I sang for the "Valley Forge General Hospital" here in Philly and had several encores. This hospital's patients are wounded soldiers from all over and it was a different experience all together. There were 20 other girls who went to entertain with formals on and we all had fun.

Tad Matsumoto, 207 N. Winnebago St. Rockford, Illinois
I was lucky enough to get a job at the Colonial Bakeries. I worked last night because the superintendent told me to come and try it. It really was tough one because it is working on the ovens. I had to put the bread in and take it out. I didn't realize how hard it was until I tried it.